8. Then you deal with repair to bathing *ghats* in the Neyyar near Rameswaram temple. This is a matter which should go to the Maramat Engineer and possibly also to the Devaswom Commissioner. Anyhow, I will have the matter conveyed to the proper authority.

102. Needs of the Neyyattinkara Municipality.

MR. A. S. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI (*Member, Municipal Council, Neyyattinkara*) represented that repairs to the public wells in the Neyyattinkara town should be carried out. The Alumud well required a parapet wall, some masonry work at the bottom and a few minor repairs.

There were no public bathing *ghats* in the Neyyar. An allotment had been made in the budget for 1099 for the construction of a bathing *ghat* at the Arattukadavu leading from the Krishnapuram street; orders should be issued to the Maramat Department to expedite the work. A bathing *ghat* was necessary also at Koravanikadavu.

The Cutcherry Road was now in a neglected condition and should be metalled.

The arrack and toddy shops in the town should be removed to less frequented places elsewhere.

The *satram* and the cutcherry compounds were in an insanitary condition, and the construction of compound walls was absolutely necessary.

The *porambokes* under the control of the Public Works Department and the trees thereon should be transferred to the Municipal Council which could thereby augment its revenues.

The Municipality should be granted a loan of Rs. 1,500 for the construction of a Municipal office. The prayer of the Municipality for the restoration of the old grant should be sanctioned. A grant of Rs. 1,000 per annum alone would enable the Municipal Council to increase the number of street lights and strengthen the staff of sweepers, to bifurcate the sanitary and vital statistics branches, maintain lanes, water the roads, increase the Municipal staff, etc.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Sankaranarayana Pillai, the first two items of your representation reveal, according to your own statement, a sad state of affairs for the Neyyattinkara Municipality. The wells as well as bathing *ghats*, according to my information, lie within the Municipal limits and therefore it is the first duty of the Municipality to take up that question and maintain them and not come and ask the Government to do that work.

2. Re-gravelling of the Cutcherry Road has been taken up, and before you came to make this representation, the work is said to have been actually in progress. You could easily have ascertained this fact.

3. As to the matter of location of toddy and arrack shops, the Excise Committee, I think, have recommended that local option is not feasible and that the municipalities can express their views to the Excise Commissioner in respect of the location of shops at suitable places within the municipal limits. Beyond that, I think it is not possible for me to say anything.

4. In the matter of transfer of *poramboke* lands within the municipal areas, I would refer you to my remarks in connection with the representation of the Member for the Padmanabhapuram Municipality this morning.

5. As to the question of a loan to the Municipality, your Municipality came up for a loan without due regard to the rules on the subject. This was pointed out to the Municipality and, after a long time, they have now said that they are prepared to abide by those terms. But the Neyyattinkara Municipality is generally so unsatisfactory that even its whole financial resources are considered hardly sufficient as adequate security for a loan from the Government. Therefore the question of a loan to the Municipality requires very careful examination.

6. The other points will receive consideration in due course.

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